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On February 3, 2006, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Drug Control Assistance Unit (DCAU) supported by WSP SWAT, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested Eddy Rodriguez-Santiago aka "Borrego" and Octavio Perez-Maldonado for delivery of 1100 grams of Black Tar Heroin and possession of Heroin (25 grams) and Cocaine (28.3 grams) with intent to deliver. The wholesale value of the drugs seized is in excess of \$20,000. Officers executed an entry on the residence of Rodriguez-Santiago pursuant to a search warrant. Inside the premises, personnel recovered a shortened, loaded, .22 rifle and a loaded .45 caliber Ruger revolver.

Rodriguez-Santiago will be charged with three counts of Delivery of Heroin, one count of Delivery of Cocaine, one count each of possession of Heroin and Cocaine with intent to deliver, alien in possession of a firearm, and felon in possession of a firearm. Perez-Maldonado will be charged with Delivery of Heroin (1100 grams).

Immigration and Customs Enforcement will place detainers on both defendants and present the case to the United States Attorney's Office for prosecution.

The arrests and warrant were carried out without incident.

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